

Application No. 10/519,205
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A closure cover (1) made of plastic, especially for tight sealing of an opening (3) in a support plate (2), especially a motor vehicle body, comprising:

a closure cover (1) having a covering element (10) and a sealing element (15), said sealing element (5) including an elastic material is connected by means of engaging elements (20) with counter-engaging elements (25) of said covering element (10) including a hard component, and said sealing element (15) presents a contact flange (30) and, opposite same, at a distance, at least one elastic sealing lip (35);

said closure cover (1) includes a hollow cylinder (42) equipped with a partitioning wall (40), said hollow cylinder (42) presents in a frontal region equipped with engaging elements (25), a flange (22) in which is embedded the contact flange (30) of the sealing element (15); and,

said covering element (10) – positioned opposite the frontal region – encloses, at least in part, via a limitation shoulder (44) said sealing element (15), wherein the limitation shoulder (44) is of lesser height than a height (H) of said at least one elastic sealing lip (35).

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A closure cover (1) for closing and sealing an opening (3, 103) formed in a support plate (2, 102), comprising:

a closure cover (1) having a covering element (10) and a sealing element (15) of elastic material;

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said covering element (10) includes counter-engaging elements (25) and said sealing element (15) includes engaging elements (20) wherein said engaging elements (20) are connected to said counter-engaging elements (25);

said sealing element (15) further includes a contact flange (30) and at least one elastic sealing lip (35);

said at least one elastic sealing lip (35) formed integrally with said sealing element (15) and extending circumferentially outward therefrom, to engage said support plate (2, 102) about said opening (3, 103);

said covering element (10) includes a hollow cylinder (42) having a partitioning wall (40) said hollow cylinder (42) includes on one side a peripheral flange (22), said contact flange (30) embedded in said peripheral flange (22);

said hollow cylinder (42) on the other side, includes at least one shoulder (44), said at least one shoulder encloses a portion of said sealing element (15); and,

said shoulder (44) includes a height and said at least one sealing lip include a height, said shoulder height less than said sealing lip height.

8. (Previously Presented) A closure cover according to claim 7, wherein said hollow cylinder (42) further includes a plurality of shoulders (44) distributed about a circumference of said covering element (10).

9. (Previously Presented) A closure cover according to claim 7, wherein said engaging elements (20) of said sealing element (15) are cross-pieces distributed about the circumference of said closure cover (1) and embeddable in said counter-engaging elements (25) of said covering element (10).

10. (Previously Presented) A closure cover according to claim 7, wherein said sealing element (15) further includes a plurality of elastic sealing lips (35a-35d) successively extending circumferentially outward therefrom.

11. (Previously Presented) A closure cover according to claim 10, wherein

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said plurality of sealing lips (35a-35d) are of the same height and directed towards said contact flange (30).

12. (Previously Presented) A closure cover according to claim 10, wherein said plurality of sealing lips (35a-35d) are of different heights and facing away from said contact flange (30).

13. (Previously Presented) A cover (1) according to claim 7, wherein said sealing element (15) further includes at least another elastic sealing lip (35) formed integrally with said sealing element (15) and extending circumferentially outward therefrom to engage an upper surface of said support plate (2).

14. (Previously Presented) A closure cover (1) for closing and sealing an opening (3, 103) formed in a support plate (2, 102), comprising:

a closure cover (1) having a covering element (10) and a sealing element (15) of elastic material;

said covering element (10) includes counter-engaging elements (25) and said sealing element (15) includes engaging elements (20) wherein said engaging elements (20) are connected to said counter-engaging elements (25);

said sealing element (15) further includes a contact flange (30) and a plurality of elastic sealing lips (35a-35d);

said plurality of elastic sealing lips (35a-35d) formed integrally with said sealing element (15) and successively arranged at an outer circumference thereto for engaging said support plate (2, 102) about said opening (3, 103);

said covering element (10) includes a hollow cylinder (42) having a partitioning wall (40), said hollow cylinder (42) includes on one side a peripheral flange (22), said contact flange (30) embedded in said peripheral flange (22);

said hollow cylinder (42) on the other side, includes at least one shoulder (44), said at least one shoulder encloses a portion of said sealing element (15); and,

said shoulder (44) includes a height and said plurality of sealing lips include a

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height, said shoulder height less than said sealing lip height.

15. (Previously Presented) A cover (1) according to claim 14, further comprising a first elastic sealing lip (35d) extending circumferentially outward for engaging said support plate (2) about said opening (3).

16. (Previously Presented) A cover (1) according to claim 15, further comprising a second elastic sealing lip (35c) extending circumferentially outward for engaging a lower surface of said support plate (2).

17. (Previously Presented) A cover (1) according to claim 14, further comprising at least two elastic sealing lips (35a', 35d') extending circumferentially outward for engaging opposing ends of said support plate (102).

18. (Currently Amended) A cover (1) according to claim 17, further comprising at least another two elastic sealing lips (35b', 35c') extending circumferentially outward for engaging said support plate (102) about said opening (103).